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the concept of drug courts. I also support what Senator Chambers wants to do because we need to make it more fair and a consistent type program. And I hope that the drug courts are going to continue to grow in this state and help these people with dependency problems. We need more programs and drug courts have been...have shown me that they do work. And if we can make them better, I'm all for it. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. An amendment to the committee amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Aguilar would move to amend the committee amendments. Senator, the first one I have is AM3536. (Legislative Journal page 1453.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Aguilar, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. This amendment was suggested by Probation Administrator, Ed Birkel. On page 2, it changes the word "defendant" to "offender". This way the language will include both adult and juvenile drug courts. I ask for your support of this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you. You heard the opening. There are no lights on. Did you wish to say anything further on AM3536? Closing is waived. The question before the body is the adoption of AM3536 to the Judiciary Committee amendment. Those in favor please vote aye, those opposed nay. Record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Aguilar's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR COORDSEN: AM3536 is adopted. Anything further on the committee amendment?

CLERK: Senator Aguilar would move to amend with AM3508, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1453.)

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Aguilar, to open on AM3508.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Senator Coordsen and members. This